

NEW RECORD FOR THE YELLOW LADY'S SLIPPER ORCHID, *CYPRIPEDIUM CALCEOLUS* L. SUBSP. *PARVIFLORUM* (SALISB.) HULT., FROM ALASKA. In 1964, while at the University of Alaska, I was asked by Mr. Ross Brockman to identify a collection of plants from the Bettles River area about 20 miles northeast of Wiseman (ca. 67°36'N, 149°40'W), in the Brooks Range region of Alaska. Among these plants was a yellow orchid which at that time I mistakenly determined as *Cypripedium guttatum* Sw., using Hultén's (1943) Flora of Alaska and Yukon, part 3. A recent reexamination of this specimen clearly reveals it to be *Cypripedium calceolus* L. subsp. *parviflorum* (Salisb.) Hult. This species is reported by Hultén (Flora of Alaska and Neighboring Territories, 1968, p. 316) from as far northwest as the upper Salmon Fork River area (about lat. 67°), Yukon Territory near the Alaskan border. The present collection (Ross Brockman, 26 June 1962, ALA) thus constitutes the first report of this species from Alaska and represents about a 250 mile westward and nearly a 100 mile northward range extension in North America. The specimens were from a colony of about 100 plants found at the well-drained, rather rocky, base of a limestone knoll near Bettles River. At this locality, *Cypripedium calceolus* occurred in a drier situation and bloomed earlier than the more common white lady's slipper, *C. passerinum* Rich.

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